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SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Monday, 19th January, 1874, at 5 P.M., from Marseilles.

THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. HYDASPES, 2,811 Tons, 400 H.P., Captain J. Wilson, will LEAVE for SUEZ, to receive Mails, Passengers and Specie for Malta, Naples, Leghorn, Marseilles, Southampton and London.

Passengers booked through to Alexandria, Ancona, Brindisi, Corfu, Malta, Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Marseilles, Southampton and London.

Cargo will be received on board the day previous to sailing.

Parcels will be received at the Branch Office, Apollo Street, Fort, up to 4 P.M. on the day of sailing.

Further particulars regarding freight, passage, &c., may be obtained on application to

GEO. P. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 31st December, 1873.

SUEZ TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Thursday, 15th January, 1874, at 3 P.M., from Marseilles.

P. & O. Co.'s S. S. [illegible] Captain [illegible], will LEAVE for GALLE, PENANG, SINGAPORE, HONG KONG, SHANGHAI and YOKOHAMA.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

SUEZ CANAL ROUTE.

P. & O. Co.'s Steamers leaving Bombay on the undermentioned dates, will proceed through the Suez Canal to Southampton viâ Marseilles:—

[illegible] March 1874.
[illegible] April 1874.
[illegible] April 1874.
11th May 1874.

PASSAGE MONEY (Exclusive of Liquors).

First Class ..... Rs. 700
Second Class ..... Rs. 400

For further particulars apply to

GEORGE P. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 3rd January 1874.

SHACKLETON & Co.,
EXPORT PROVISION MERCHANTS,
45, BOTOLPH LANE,
AND
2, GROCER'S HALL COURT,
LONDON.

BEST YORK HAMS.
THE WILTSHIRE BACON.
BERKELEY, EXCELSIOR, RING, SHILTON, and ADAM HOUNSLOW, &c.

THE FOLLOWING,

IS AN

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER

dated from Bury, 1877, from an old inhabitant of Horningsham, near Warminster, Wilts:—

"I must also beg to say that your Pills are an excellent Medicine for me, and I certainly do enjoy good health, sound sleep, and a good appetite; this is owing to taking your Pills, which is years old.

Remaining, Gentlemen, yours very respectfully,

To the Proprietors of [illegible]. L.S.

NORTON'S CAMOMILE PILLS London."

SALES BY AUCTION.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & CO.
40, MEADOW STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE DIAMOND AND PEARL AND GOLD JEWELLERY and SILVER WARE.

On TUESDAY, the 6th instant, Messrs. NUSSERWANJEE CULLIANDASS & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at 1 o'clock precisely, at their auction room, Meadow Street, No. 40, by order of Messrs. [illegible], Solicitors to the estate of [illegible], deceased, the following valuable property, viz.:—

A valuable assortment of Diamond and Pearl Jewellery, consisting of [illegible] Gold and Silver Watches, Gold Chains, Bracelets, Rings, Brooches, Ear-rings, Studs, Sleeve Buttons, Pins, Lockets, Pencil Cases, Gold and Silver

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRIDAY, 2nd January.

Exchange on London opened from Rs 1s 10 7/16d to 10 7/8d, closing the day at Rs 1s 10 11/16d to 11d, according to description of Bills, and for Government Bankers' Bills at Rs 1s 10 15/16d.

In Government Securities we have had a good deal of business done, and prices are generally unaltered.

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GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

[illegible]

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 19 Hydaspes, s., Captain Hine, from London.
Dec. 19 Thames, s., Irving, from Galle.
Dec. 19 Fatteh Gunjie, ship, Scott, from Singapore.
Dec. 21 Alva, s., Passmore, from Mauritius.
Dec. 21 Leon, s., Grant, from Liverpool.
Dec. 21 Ellenborough, s., Hall, from Calcutta.
Dec. 22 Kaisar Hind, s., Bell, from Penang.
Dec. 22 Hatfield, s., Allen, from Sunday.
Dec. 22 Abbotsford, s., Reid, from London.
Dec. 23 Arabia, s., Wood, from Liverpool.
Dec. 23 Oxford, ship, s., Jones, from Shanghai.
Dec. 23 William Perry, s., Commodore Carwar.
Dec. 26 Lorne, s., Belcher, from London.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 18 Hydaspes, s., Brown, for Bombay.
Dec. 19 Thames, s., Potter, for Aden and Bombay.
Dec. 19 Queen of India, ship, s., Baird, for Calcutta.
Dec. 19 Sunrise, H.M. Ship, Bowden, for China.
Dec. 19 Arab, s., Woodall, for Suez.
Dec. 19 Leon, s., Grant, for Liverpool.
Dec. 20 Ellenborough, s., Hall, for Calcutta.
Dec. 20 Kaisar Hind, s., Bell, for Penang.
Dec. 20 Hatfield, s., Allen, for Sunday.
Dec. 20 Abbotsford, s., Reid, for London.
Dec. 21 Arabia, s., Wood, for Liverpool.
Dec. 21 New Zealand, ship, s., Jones, for Shanghai.
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Dec. 21 William Perry, s., Commodore Carwar.
Dec. 22 Lorne, s., Belcher, for London.

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PRICES OF [illegible]

[illegible]

FREIGHT REPORT.

Many vessels [illegible] and engagements have been effected [illegible] for Liverpool at £2 0 0. Sail, more or less [illegible]

FRIDAY Evening.

[illegible]

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

FRIDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

Government Securities for Spinning shares at quoted rates. Bank of Bombay shares quiet. Land shares steady.

BANKS.

Name.	Cash Paid up.	Rate of Dividend.	Name.	Cash Rates per Share.
[illegible]			Agra Bank	[illegible]
[illegible]			Bank of Bombay	1,490
[illegible]			Do of Bombay New	715
[illegible]			Do Rnd Rese Issue	240
[illegible]			Do of Madras	1120
[illegible]			Chartered Mercantile Bk of L. & China	205
[illegible]			Hong. & Shanghai Bank	450 nil.
[illegible]			Chartered Bk. of I. & C	200
[illegible]			National Bank of India	215
[illegible]			Oriental Bank	470

RAILWAYS.

G. I. P. Railway Consol.	[illegible]
Do. Rnd 4% Shares	102
Do. New 4% Shares	116
Do. [illegible]	[illegible]
B. B. & C. I. Railway Co	1,128
Do. New Shares	[illegible]

LAND COMPANIES.

[illegible] Land Co	12
Worli Land & Pier Co. Ltd	11
Mazagon Land	200
Fort Canning Land Company, Limited	[illegible]

WEAVING COMPANIES.

Alliance Spinning	1,500
Alliance Planing	2,000
Bombay M. & P. Co.	1,500
[illegible]	1,040
[illegible]	1,000
Hurjeevan Spinning	110
Oriental Spinning	2,750
[illegible]	1,000
[illegible]	1,000
[illegible]	1,000

"THE BOMBAY TATLER."

The Committee of the Asiatic Society are evidently looking seriously at reducing the subscription to their Library. May not the there instances of a Board resolving [illegible] of the Society is so important [illegible] missed it. I doubt if it will any new subscribers to join it? its use, for the Library of the Society [illegible] grossly increases of late [illegible] the Society will certainly attain [illegible] if it make one grievous mistake [illegible] privileged class of members who [illegible] year for the amount of the [illegible] to the society, and a few only, who [illegible] a change or payment of Rs. 10 a year, [illegible] the books in the Library. A man must have very little to do to be pressed with [illegible] nothing, either people share with him [illegible] paying full members of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, [illegible] literature, English and native, [illegible] the smallest concession to in- [illegible] Excuses for the choice of [illegible] are many when the case is [illegible] to the consideration that [illegible] the privileged herd to touch the sacred [illegible] of their library. They will have to [illegible] with these inferior mortals, but can [illegible] in their own hands the whole [illegible] of the Society. It is good for us [illegible] occasionally, no doubt, but for all [illegible] court being established. A committee will find many persons anxious [illegible] generous advertisement to come to [illegible] sub-committee.

The [illegible] of the gas which is supplied to Bombay and charged so dearly for has been a source of annoyance for a long time [illegible] Bombay who believe that the old style [illegible] light is only half the present [illegible] It is a pity that the present [illegible] manager of the Gas Company will not [illegible] make his pages favourably note [illegible] Bombay Gas Company in England. [illegible] "Let there be light" as a motto which at present [illegible] Bombay Gas Company cannot adopt as [illegible] the other. Considerable [illegible] be made in these reflections are partly the result of experience in my own office and partly that of my observations for sometime past of the vagaries of the several sunlights in the Town Hall. Where a meeting or, and this particular luminary [illegible] at the luminary, I mean, not [illegible] blinks, blinks, blinks until the [illegible] of the ear are put to flight by the [illegible] of the eye. So strongly do I feel [illegible] idiotic sunlight that I am prepared [illegible] to its influence much of the misfortune [illegible] attended the Town Hall Concerts of [illegible] Operatic Company, and I doubt [illegible] company will ever experience success [illegible] place until the sunlight assumes a [illegible] character.

I am glad indeed to hear that the Cope [illegible] Committee are meeting with a considerable degree of success, notwithstanding [illegible] Bombay's present dearth of entertainments, to induce it to forget the man who [illegible] served in the Indian Mutinies. The [illegible] at which the testimonial is to be [illegible] will be a very successful one. One [illegible] is written to you very ill-naturedly because [illegible] instead of amateurs some [illegible] an Opera singers are to be employed [illegible] entertainment. Now, for one thing [illegible] is not at all likely that any [illegible] could possibly pass it regularly with [illegible] things to do all the way to the Forest, [illegible] carriage, the road is not smooth [illegible] anything but comfortable footing [illegible] that the plain is beneath you [illegible] comes [illegible] and less or more precipitous [illegible] are abominable narrow path- [illegible] are and there [illegible] the plucking. After winding [illegible] for twenty minutes or so, the [illegible] Gardens a part which is spirited by [illegible] as they stand between [illegible] poultices and that they be [illegible] of those [illegible] Ram Bagh in the sun [illegible] this hill Forest, the [illegible] and are [illegible] by a prospect and similar [illegible] Against some of [illegible] seem to be [illegible] of the oldest and to Chowk village [illegible] through the Ram Bagh in order to [illegible] more access to the Malleran [illegible] I visited the Ram Bagh a day or two [illegible] ago, and the first impression [illegible] on entering it was that it was [illegible] to be a most unmitigated nuisance [illegible] it would be frequently absurd to [illegible] in their present circumstances to [illegible] services for nothing. Mr. [illegible] the last man in the world to [illegible] while he could procure good performers [illegible] he would encourage good performers [illegible] his heart, and I hope [illegible] soon be [illegible] to Mr. Cope as to [illegible] that the Governor approves of his [illegible] Scheme. Civil is not a disap- [illegible] it is [illegible] and I do not [illegible] entertained [illegible] could arrive all sensible of [illegible] that the islands is without his [illegible]

Many of your readers are doubtless well acquainted with Matheran, but there is one part [illegible] I am convinced comparatively few [illegible] people have visited, I refer to the Rain Bagh, which is better known to Europeans [illegible] Funeral Forest. This exceedingly interesting [illegible] is almost immediately beneath the [illegible] Chowk Point, and is reached by a [illegible] road which descends into the valley between [illegible] and Alexandra Point. Any [illegible] on inquiry at the vicinity of [illegible] Points where the Ram Bagh is. [illegible] Simpson, the present [illegible] of the Hills, has seen the Ram [illegible] appreciated its weird, and I may [illegible] character, that he has determined [illegible] during the old road to Chowk village [illegible] through the Ram Bagh in order to [illegible] more access to the Matheran [illegible] I visited the Ram Bagh a day or two [illegible] ago, and the first impression [illegible] on entering it was that it was [illegible] to be a most unmitigated nuisance [illegible] it would be frequently absurd to [illegible] in their present circumstances to [illegible] services for nothing. Mr. [illegible] the last man in the world to [illegible] while he could procure good performers [illegible] he would encourage good performers [illegible] his heart, and I hope [illegible] soon be [illegible] to Mr. Cope as to [illegible] that the Governor approves of his [illegible] Scheme. Civil is not a disap- [illegible] it is [illegible] and I do not [illegible] entertained [illegible] could arrive all sensible of [illegible] that the islands is without his [illegible]

BOMBAY.

THE COMMON PASSENGER PASSENGER.—We understand that the convict Pestonjee Dinshaw is shortly to be transferred to the Ratnagherry Jail.

CRIMINAL CASES.—Up to yesterday four cases had been committed by the several Magistrates of Police for the ensuing Criminal Sessions of the High Court.

SUPERINTENDENT JONES'S DUTIES AT CHAUL.—The second-class Subordinate Judge's Court at Chaul is to be removed to Dipad, in the Surat collectorate, this month.

THE PRARTHANA SAMAJ BUILDING AT AHMEDABAD.—The erection of a building for the Prarthana Samaj at Ahmedabad.

PASSENGERS.—SURGEON.—Dr. L. S. Bruce, Executive Surgeon, Second District, has been allowed furlough to Europe for two years, from the date of his departure in March next.

INFANT MARRIAGES AMONG HINDOOS.—Another batch of Hindoos have joined the Association recently started at Ahmedabad for the prevention of infant marriages among their countrymen.

ANOTHER DISPENSARY AT AHMEDABAD.—There are at present about three or four dispensaries at Ahmedabad, and we now learn that a Hindoo merchant of that city intends to open another.

THEFT.—Yesterday at the Fort Police Court one Chhenabhe Gunnoo was convicted by Mr. Nana Morojee of stealing a saree, belonging to one Dajee Bhageerthee, and sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

A NOTED THIEF.—Mr. Nana Morojee yesterday sentenced a man named Moonoo Yacoob, a thief, by six months' rigorous imprisonment, on a charge of stealing a quantity of cotton thread, the property of one Futtey Sheriff.

THEFT.—Yesterday at the Fort Police Court one Peerun Johar, a thief, was fined Rs. 20 by Mr. Nana Morojee, with the alternative of two months' hard labour on a charge of trespassing in the house of one Bhaijal Juleeo.

RESCUE FROM DROWNING.—A Hindoo named Kassi Gungaram, whilst drawing water from the Bhaleshwar tank on Thursday, accidentally fell into it. He was rescued by the bystanders and conveyed to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

THE POLITICAL AGENT OF KATTYWAR.—Colonel W. W. Anderson, Political Agent of Kattywar has been permitted by the Secretary of State for India to return to duty. The Colonel is expected to arrive here by the second mail this month.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—An inquest was held on Thursday at Lower Mahim concerning the death of one Luximon Boota, who had fallen off a tamarind tree, and who died shortly after, in consequence of injuries received. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

A PETTY KNAVE.—A Mahomedan named Ibrahim Wuthay was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Nana Morojee to four months' rigorous imprisonment, on charge of stealing from the pocket of one Meera Jan Maho- [illegible]

THE REVENUE JURISDICTION BILL.—A confused paper says that the Revenue Jurisdiction Bill attempts to modify the position of Government and to declare the yearly tenants from year to year, and hence it is said to be strongly and unanimously opposed.

BOMBAY LOCAL FUNDS.—From the Bolgaum Local Funds report for 1872-73, we see that the total available receipts incurred, during the year amount to Rs. 2,70,852-1 and Rs. 1,93,895-11, respectively, leaving a balance of Rs. 76,956-6 on the 31st March 1873.

We learn that His Highness the Maharajah of Jeypore, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., &c., has purchased the whole of the extensive saw mills' property at New Sohore for the purpose of forming an arsenal and for other Government purposes. The working of the saw mills will be continued.

THE CASTLE FLAGSTAFF.—We would call the attention of the authorities to the negligent way the signalling is carried on. Yesterday morning the steamer Sea Gull arrived, flying her signal letters all the way up the harbour, yet for some hours was hoisted on the Flagstaff.

THE PARSEE ELPHINSTONE DRAMATIC CLUB.—The last but one representation of "Kaun Ghello" is announced for this evening at the Grant Road Theatre. It is to be followed by a farce called "Dada Kaka." The amateurs are entitled to the warmest support of the native play-going public whom they spare no pains to please.

THE ALBUM OF STARS "VARIETY" TROUPE.—It will be observed that a new troupe of performers has arrived in Bombay—the "Variety" Troupe. Fame has not heralded their approach by any loud-tongued trumpet, and therefore we can scarcely speak of the capabilities of the Company, but we trust that they will be given a fair trial by the public.

NATIVE VAGRANTS.—At the Fort Police Court, before Mr. Nana Morojee, yesterday, two Hindoo vagrants named Pahla Nattoo and Lacka Veerjee, were charged with theft of a gold ornament, valued at Rs. 90, belonging to one Hansraj Cooje. They were adjudged guilty and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment each.

MORTALITY RETURNS.—The total number of deaths registered during the week, ending Tuesday, the 30th December, was 338, being 3 more than in the preceding week, 40 less than the total of the week ending the corresponding period in the previous five years. During the week, 179 births were reported in the different districts of the city.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC to be played by the Band of H. E. the Governor on the Esplanade Band-stand this evening at 6-45 P.M.—

Overture	Les Fiancé par des Soldats	Kucken.
Selection	Linda di Chamouni	Donizetti.
Waltz	Pastoral Song	Bosquit.
Selection	The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein	Offenbach.
Quadrille	Public Parade	Suppé.
Polka	Flick and Flack	Herlich.

THE BARODA CONFISCATION.—Alluding to the famous Gaekwar case, the Times of the 20th instant says:—"The creation of much sensation and terror among the Durbars of Baroda, and to the frantic efforts now [illegible] by Sullivan to reform his administration by artificial [illegible] completed suite of reforms, [illegible] and by expressing willingness to [illegible] native paper does not face possible [illegible] darkness are for Sullivan, that he [illegible] the result of the inquiry.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.—In calling attention to the [illegible] which is to be given to the Town Hall this evening, [illegible] number of competent performers [illegible] may mention that they gentlemen, will know [illegible] Amateurs in Bombay of a superior degree of skill, will take a part in the concert. This will probably be the last public appearance in Bombay of [illegible] these gentlemen, and those who [illegible] the pleasure of hearing [illegible] making the [illegible] will surely hasten to take this [illegible] opportunity of hearing him.

THEFT AT THE SAILOR'S HOME.—James Manton, a European seaman, was charged before Mr. Nana Morojee, yesterday, with stealing five rupees from the pocket of one George Hamilton, an inmate of the Sailors' Home. From the evidence of one Judge Westbrook, it appeared that he observed prisoner [illegible] top of a number of brass-headed plants [illegible] grown in all directions—while the whole [illegible] appears to be a basket, filled with leaves, [illegible] upon its rugged and knotty fragmentary [illegible] for the Library of the Institute. [illegible] about half-a-mile the eye quickly catches signs [illegible] of vegetation which marks where the Primeval and the Mediæval end, the trees becoming small and ordinary-looking, and insufficient to shut out the glare of the noonday sun—a contrast from the heavy gloom which pervades the Forest just left behind. Animated nature in the Ram Bagh seems to be influenced by the silent and solemnness of the place, the birds singing there in a key which could be best described as melancholy. Such a place must once have given rare shelter to the monsters of the Forest. Indeed, I am not aware that it does not do so still, as some natives whom I spoke to on the upper part of the road assured me that bears and panthers inside their abodes there all the year round. The Ram Bagh is certainly worth a visit, and when the road to it is repaired, as far as such a road can be repaired, no one who is fit should spare himself the trouble of exploring its sombre shades.

Complainant was not sober at the time. The magistrate acquitted the prisoner, guilty and sentenced him to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

A STRONG NOSE.—Mr. Justice West of Bombay has been holding up the example of John Stuart Mill, "moral obliquity," as a warning to the pupils of the Elphinstone High School. On such a point as intellectual point, Mr. Justice West and the boys may have had the advantage of standing on a common level of understanding. But as it is a "moral obliquity" of a giant strength, and yet not wield it freely, Mr. Justice West would have saved himself his reputation by refraining from stalking about like a moral Gulliver to crush an Lilliputian like Mr. Mill. It were rash to speculate on the philosopher's good name with posterity, if the learned Justice should persist in denouncing his moral obliquity, particularly in Moorish schools.—*Times*.

THE "TIMES OF INDIA" CALENDAR.

We ought to have acknowledged ere this our receipt of a copy of the *Times of India's* "Calendar" for 1874. This work has been improved each year since its introduction to the Bombay public, and this year it is better than ever. The care which has been spent upon it has made it one of the most valuable works of the kind published in India. To Bombay people especially it is invaluable, and most well-regulated offices here will now find it as easy to get on without it as without a ledger. For making persons acquainted with each other, at all events in outward social matters, the Calendar is of peculiar usefulness; this is perhaps more literally the case than members belonging to the Services relish. We notice among this year's additions of matter an annotated edition of the Civil Pension Code, the Civil Leave Code, and the Acting Allowance Code. Military men will find in the Calendar the rules regulating military pay and allowances. The stranger in the city will derive pleasure from the bulletynes of the handsome buildings which have sprung up or are now springing up in Esplanade Road. Heliotypy, if judged by the specimens of it here given, might certainly be [illegible] the pictures which we refer to give a vivid idea of the buildings said to be represented. If there is one thing wanting to make the Calendar a complete local record it is a map of the Fort and principal districts attached; but Rome was not built in a day, and Calcutta cannot be expected to become masters of perfection in a year or two. Judging by the rate of improvement which has stood conspicuous in the annual volumes of the *Times of India* "Calendar," the work will soon be a highly ornamental as well as useful addition to Bombay mercantile and general literature.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE SHIP JAMES COWAN, 1,277 tons, Captain G. Cuthbert, will sail to-day in ballast for Rangoon.

THE P. S. SEA GULL, 397 tons, Captain S. Ridge, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta (December 21st) with a general cargo.

THE P. S. NEGRAIS, 1,007 tons, Captain C. C. Coburn, sailed yesterday for Aden and Jeddah with a general cargo and eight hundred and sixty pilgrims.

THE SHIP NIMROD, 1,098 tons, Captain E. Bile, arrived in harbour on the 1st instant from Moulmein (December 4th) with a cargo of timber. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Wallace & Co.

THE S. S. PUNJAUB, 701 tons, Captain W. Read, arrived in harbour yesterday from Coast and Aarwar with general cargo and the following passengers:—Captain Brown, and one hundred and thirty-five deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. CO.'S PERSIA, 4,5 tons, Captain Stuart, arrived in harbour on the 1st instant from Karrachee with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Colonel and Mrs. Mainwaring and servant, Mr. Simpson, and four deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. CO.'S S. CHALDEA, 1,449 tons, Captain J. T. Lewis, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta (December 5th) via Coast, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Colonel T. French, Colonel Orr, Mr. Crystall, Mr. W. S. Babajee, Mr. H. J. Ahmed, and one hundred and twenty-nine deck passengers.

THE P. & O. CO.'S S. S. BANGALORE, 1,178 tons, Commander G. C. Burne, which arrived in harbour on the 31st ultimo from Sydney, 2nd December, calling at Melbourne, King George's Sound, and Galle, brought [illegible] miles passengers, and the following cargo [illegible] and some cases cheese and butter.

THE P. AND O. CO.'S S. S. DECCAN, 1,863 tons, Captain W. Soames, arrived in harbour on the 1st instant from Aden and Suez (December 19) with the English mail and the following cargo:—36 boxes specie, 1 box pearl and specie, 6 cases sundries, 1 case boots, 7 cases hardware, 8 cases thread, 227 cases twist, 25 packages ivory, 11 cases books, 7 cases wire, 30 cases wine, 2,224 packages cottons, and many other packages of merchandise.

THE H. C. S. N. CO.'S S. BURMAH, 974 tons, Captain T. Sanders, sailed yesterday for the Persian Gulf, via Karrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—For Karrachee—Mr. R. S. Langley and Mr. F. Masolter. For Bandar—Mr. Hossein Mirza and three women, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Hossein Shah. For Bushire—Mrs. Agg Mahomed Esmail and three children. For different ports—Eighty-two deck passengers.

THE P. AND O. CO.'S S. S. SUEZ, 1,317 tons, Commander G. Fraser, arrived in harbour on the 31st ultimo, from Hongkong, 11th December, calling at Singapore, Penang, and Galle. She brought the following cargo:—5 boxes gold leaves, 1 box treasure, 1 box gold chain, 19 packages beads, 6 packages cardamoms, 13 cases cheroots, 1 box silver and gold ware, 36 bags cheroots, 1 box silver and gold ware, 36 bags copper coin, 6 packages chinaware, 38 packages preserves, 9 cases cigars, 58 cases waxed umbrellas, 311 packages sugar candy, 207 cases tin canisters, 146 cases bar-jackets, 90 pieces E. cloth, 45 cases nutmegs, 6 cases mace, 5 packages umbrellas, five bags rice, 10 casks nails, 15 packages goods, 2 cases frames, 2 cases glass, 4 cases white copper, 3 boxes fans, 180 casks clay, 20 bundles mats, 334 bags sugar, 53 cases silk piece-goods, 777 cases silk, 1,251 cases cassia, 40 packages vermillion, 189 glass bangles, and 1,118 packages tea.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

SECOND SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS. INNOCENTS' DAY.

7 A.M.—1st Celebration of Holy Communion.
11 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon, with 2nd Celebration of Holy Communion. Hymns 33 and 307.
4-45 P.M.—Catechising.
6 P.M.—Litany.
6-30 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 330 and 279.
All hour—Robed, breathe an evening blessing.
The services will be conducted as usual.

The Holy Eucharist on the Epiphany of our Lord, the Holy Communion will [illegible]

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, COLABA.

11 A.M.—Litany, Holy Communion (Celebration) and Sermon. Hymns 3, 307, 308, 309.
6 P.M.—Evening Prayer, Sermon. Hymns 135, 138 and 332.
The collects will be devoted as usual.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SONAPORE.

8 A.M.—Celebration of Holy Communion.
11 A.M.—Morning Prayer and second celebration of Holy Communion with Sermon. Hymns 25, 276 and 309.
6 P.M.—Evening and Sermon. Hymns 55, 311, and 320.
The offertory as usual.

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BYCULLA.

[illegible] Morning Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 314 and 230.
[illegible] Holy Communion, Offertory to be taken as usual.
[illegible] Evening Prayer, Sermon. Anthem—"I will [illegible]
[illegible] Hymns 280 and 309.
[illegible] Offertory as usual.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KAMATHIPOORA.

[illegible] Morning Prayer, Holy Communion in English.
[illegible] Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon in [illegible]
[illegible] Evening Prayer and Sermon in English. Hymns [illegible]
[illegible] Hymns as announced.

[illegible] Morning Prayer and Sermon in English. Hymns [illegible]
[illegible] Evening Prayer and Sermon in English. Hymns [illegible]
[illegible] Hymns as announced.

[illegible] Morning Prayer and Sermon in English. Hymns [illegible]
[illegible] Evening Prayer and Sermon in English. Hymns [illegible]
[illegible] Hymns as announced.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

[illegible] Service in English.

THE B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

The following is the report of the directors of the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway, which is to be submitted to the proprietors at the thirty-ninth half-yearly general meeting, to be held at the [illegible] Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, London, on Thursday, the 15th day of December, 1873, at 12 o'clock:—

1. The directors submit herewith the statement of the accounts of the proprietors for the Company's financial year for the half-year ending the 30th June, 1873.

2. The gross mileage was increased by the opening of the line to Gulf Pimbori, (224 miles) for mineral traffic on the 16th May last to 441 miles, with 71 stations.

3. The average open mileage for the thirty years was 396½ as compared with 357½ of the corresponding half of 1872, being an increase of 37½ miles.

4. The train mileage for the same periods was as follows, viz.:—

	30th June, 1873.	30th June, 1872.	Increase.
Passenger	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Goods	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Other Descriptions	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

5. The gross receipts amounted to £314,217, 1s. 11d., compared with £333,611, 10s. 11d. in 1872, thus showing a decrease of £19,393, 19s. 0d., of which £8,247, 11s. 3d. occurred in coaching traffic (chiefly in 3rd class and passengers' luggage), £2,000, 0s. 8d. in goods traffic, and £186, 10s. 10d. in telegraphs and sundry receipts. It must not however be forgotten that the June half-year of 1872, with which the comparison is now made, was the best in point of traffic receipts and net earnings that the Company has hitherto experienced.

6. The total number of passengers carried (exclusive of season ticket holders) was 1,466,363, compared with 1,648,676 in 1872, showing a decrease of 30,073, of which 49,138 occurred in the 3rd class. The suburban travellers in the neighbourhood of Bombay numbered 183,722 (or an increase of 13,340), while the ordinary main line passengers numbered 1,205,561, showing a decrease of 2,313. The reduction in receipts from passengers was £7,217, 0s. 3d., which is accounted for [illegible] the holiday season having fallen in the "periodically recurring twelfth year," which is deemed by the Hindoo community as unpropitious for marriages and festivities, as explained by the Agent in his annexed report.

The average mileage travelled by passengers was as under, viz.:—

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class. Ordinary.	3rd Class. Mail.
30th June, 1873	31·35	27·60	8·27	73·00
" 1872	34·03	27·61	10·09	83·26
Decrease	2·68	·01	1·82	10·26
Increase	3·71	23·04	22·03	4·100

The percentage of passenger receipts is shown below:—

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
1873	17·26	24·10	58·64
1872	17·40	23·60	58·99

The coaching earnings per train mile were Rs. 4-7-5.

7. The tonnage of goods conveyed over the line in the two periods is given in the following table, viz.:—

	Public Goods.	Construction Lime and Materials.	Total Paying Tonnage.	Free for Service.	Total.
30th June, 1873	153,393	6,779	160,186	18,339	178,525
" 1872	154,933	2,845	157,778	17,000	200,000
Decrease	571	23,934	21,592	1,339	21,578
Increase				1,100	

There was an increase in bottoms, seeds, opium, goods, wool, salt and sundries; but a falling off in beer and wine, cotton, dry fruit, grain, iron, metals, piece goods, and sugar. Though the diminution in public goods tonnage was only 571, the falling off in receipts therefrom was £29,507, 8s. 10d., through large quantities having to be carried under the special and lower class rates. Most of this paltry decrease arose under the head of "Hut-pressed Cotton," and was the result of the deterioration of the cotton crop, its low price in the Home market, and the high duties levied by the Wudwan Durbar. Some of these causes were temporary and have since been removed, and the directors cannot but hope that much good will result from the cotton market which has recently been established at Wudwan, and the consolidated reduced rate there, which has been brought about principally through the good offices of the Political Agent and his Assistant. The diminution in receipts for railway construction materials was £1,971, 9s. 4, and in sundries £444, 13s. 6d.

The goods traffic interchanged with other railways was as under:—

	Tons.	B. B. & C. I. R. Proportion of Receipts. Rs.
Goods forwarded to other Lines	9,187	13,378
Goods received from other Lines	8,329	28,837

8. The following information as to the merchandise traffic will also be interesting to the proprietors viz.:—

	Half-years ending 30th June.	
	1873.	1872.
Average mileage of goods, per ton	Miles 116 miles	193 miles 142
Average railway receipts, 1st ton, per mile	14·35 pice	19 pice 73 pice.
Proportion per cent. of [illegible]	per cent. 141	per cent. 80
"Inward Traffic"	per cent. 141	per cent. 80

9. Turning now to the other side of the revenue account, the total charges including £8,393, 14s. 0d. for collection and delivery of goods and £2,000 the half-yearly contribution to the Fire Insurance Fund, amounted to £166,377, 4s. 11d. as compared with £156,516, 17s. 7d. in 1872, thus showing an increase of £11,860, 7s. 6d. The percentage rate of working was 53·74, while in 1872 it was 44·14.

10. It must, however, be pointed out that under the head of "Maintenance of Way, Works, &c.," special expenditure has been incurred in the restoration of the Damaunganga, Par and Orunga Bridges (beyond the amount in the previous revenue account) to the extent of £10,736, 8s. 4d.; but for this special item, the percentage of working cost would have been 47·43 instead of 53·74 upon the largely reduced gross receipts of the present half-year. The ordinary maintenance charges (in which are included the cost of some new and strengthening works, as explained by Mr. Malbey, the Chief Resident Engineer, in his report) amounted to £37, 14s. 2d. per mile in 1873. The extra charge to maintenance in the present account over that in the corresponding period is £9,077, 17s. 11d. The works, way, stations, and buildings, &c., are certified to have "been maintained in good working condition and repair."

11. In the Locomotive and Carriage Department, the comparison of cost is as under, viz.:—

Locomotive.		Per cent of Receipts.
1873.		
June 30th	£16,825 17 6	10·35
1872.		
June 30th	£16,771 12 7	12·36
Increase	£ 1,987 4 11	2·01
Carriage & Wagons.		**Per cent of Receipts.**
1873.		
June 30th	£11,398 18 4	7·02
1872.		
June 30th	£ 9,068 6 2	2·71
Increase	£ 1,930 12 2	4·31

There were 26,321 more train miles run in the later period than in 1872, and the train mile cost in engines is [illegible]

12. The additional charge under the head of [illegible] motive" is accounted for by the extra quantity [illegible] cost of the fuel used, the average price per ton [illegible] coke, and patent fuel having been Rs. 12 7 [illegible] 1873, and Rs. 21 13a. in 1872. The consumption [illegible] train mile was very similar, having been [illegible] 1873 and 49·38 lbs. in 1872. The high price [illegible] coal, which has had to be imported for [illegible] the railway, with toll more in future, [illegible] great importance of the fuel question [illegible] working of a railway is shown [illegible] account, where the cost of fuel [illegible] the whole locomotive expenditure [illegible] gross receipts. Twenty-[illegible] and 5·16 wagons have been [illegible] in 1873, compared with [illegible] and 6·7 wagons in 1872. [illegible] have been renewed and 7 [illegible] actual cost of their [illegible]

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

PETITIONS of the several persons hereunder named and described have been presented to the Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Bombay, praying respectively for the benefit of the Act made and passed in the eleventh year of Victoria, Chapter XXI.:—

Khanoo Suddoo and Dhundee Gannoo, wastemen.

Colonel Henry Richard Connell Malye, a military pensioner, and superintendent of the Victoria Gardens at Parell.

Hajee Rubib Essack and Osman Aloo, the first-named insolvent is an umbrella repairer, and the second lately a dealer in assafœtida.

Peter Pereira, a tinsmith in the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company's.

Gunpat Sowdeen, a blacksmith.

Frank Carr, lately trading under the name and style of Messrs. Carr Brothers.

Appa Bapoojee, a cook.

Memon Peera Khanoo, a dealer in timber.

Venayeck Succaram, a clerk in the service of the G. I. P. Railway Traffic Department.

George Charles Rogers, lately a signaller in the Government Telegraph Department, now unemployed.

Arjoon Waga and Hurdass Waga, goldsmiths.

Dhunjeebhoy Jamsetjee and Rustomjee Jamsetjee, the first-named insolvent is a receiver, and the second unemployed.

Shaik Mamoodchund Khoopchund, a jeweller.

Purshotum Mithoram and Hurjeevan Purshotum, blacksmiths.

Gopall Jeitha, a carpenter.

John Bond, merchant.

Mahadoo Bhuwanee, Ladoo Beewa, and Sonoo Narayen, the first-named insolvent is a sower in hay, the second a dealer in vegetables, and the third a sepoy in the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company.

Framjee Burjorjee, a liquor seller.

Salam Ballajee and Robia Abraham, who carried on business in Bombay in partnership with Moosajee Daniel, as contractors in building houses, &c., under the name of Salam Ballajee.

Sailey Mahomed Ahmed, a dealer in fruit.

Kurrim Adunjee and Jasha Adunjee, the first-named insolvent is a servant in the service of one Ganga Nathoo, and the second formerly a fruit-seller, now unemployed.

Dinanath Morobs, an English clerk.

Heerajee Santoojee, Luxumeebaee, widow, Janeebaee, widow, and Khunjoo Mahdoo, the first, second, and third named insolvents are dealers in vegetables, and the fourth a cart driver.

INDIA AND THE COLONIES.

INCONVENIENCE OF RAILWAY TRAVELLING.—We already [illegible] little to be expected, for the present, save that, owing to the Railway Company's mania for [illegible] grain between Rajkot and Veraval, the [illegible] have been unable to return their Christmas [illegible] from Calcutta.—*Bombay Gazette*.

TIGERS.—We understand that a sportsman who resorted to these Hills for sport, saw a few days since [illegible] tigers in the space of an hour. Hamilton's [illegible] and his wife, one day lately, killed [illegible] a day or two after, [illegible] by a [illegible] appear to have full-grown animals and two youngsters.—*Bombay Gazette*.

LIMBS FOUND.—To the Editor of the *Englishman*.—Sir,—I found the following lying near the Brewery yesterday. Perhaps you may think it worth publishing:—

[illegible]
Suggested by Mr. [illegible] appointment as Famine Accountant with extra pay of Rs. 300.

Fertile extra pay,
An easement sinecure
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

We regret to announce the death of Dr. William R. Stewart, Surgeon Major, late Royal Artillery, which took place early yesterday morning. Dr. Stewart came to Allahabad in the beginning of last hot weather to do duty with the E-11 battery of Royal Artillery, and was soon afterwards appointed Staff Surgeon. By his unremitting attention to duty and kindliness of manner, Dr. Stewart have endeared himself to a remarkable degree to all his patients, and to his brother officers and friends in the station his death will be much deplored.—*Pioneer*, Jan. 1.

PESHAWUR.—Another officer, Brigadier General Wilson, commanding Peshawur, has also recently issued certain stringent, and we venture to think, ill-advised orders forbidding natives to appear on the mall after 4 P.M. during the time European residents usually take their afternoon exercise. As the order is said to include native gentlemen, we consider it highly objectionable, for it must tend to widen the breach which already exists between the natives of India and their European rulers. It seems a great pity that steps of this sort, which are sure to be misconstrued, should be taken without a very strong reason apparently for them.—*Indian Public Opinion*.

THE DALHOUSIE BARRACKS.—With reference to the announcement in the *Pioneer* of December 23, 1873, relative to there being cracks in the wall in the barracks at Dalhousie, "large enough to pass a walking-stick through," we have heard it spoken of months ago that such was the case. The truth about the barracks for the Convalescent Depôt at Dalhousie is that it was almost extravagant outlay in no way necessitated. Barracks of that nature were not required at an elevation of about 7,000 feet. It may, previous to any official inquiry being made or published, be easy to say as an excuse that there was a change of Executive Engineers during the period of construction, but the fact really is that such barracks were unnecessary. It is true there may be a standard plan of barracks; but if we are going to build, irrespective of elevation or climate, the same barracks at Delhi and Agra, as we do in the Himalayas, we are simply expending an amount of money far beyond the requirements of the army. In the vicinity of Murree this recklessness does not exist. Men are located therein a simple and inexpensive manner, and retain their health. It seems not to be generally understood that the Department Public Works submits to the Quarter-Master General's Department the plan of any building previous to its being erected for the use of troops. These barracks at Dalhousie were built during the period that Colonel Lumsden was Quarter-Master General of the Army, and it was his imperative duty to have clearly pointed out that palatial buildings for the accommodation of men at such an elevation were unnecessary. It has been a most extravagant and wanton waste of money, which might in this case have been obviated had the responsible officer concerned *done his duty*. We shall have another barrack scandal, a little more discreditable for the Department Public Works, all of which might in the right place.—*Englishman*.

INTERESTING PEOPLE.

THE Annual Administration Report of the Political Agent, Hill Tipperah, is a very complete and interesting account of the affairs of a little known portion of our Indian empire. The Rajah of Tipperah exercises nominally over a tract of country which not only covers a considerable area, but encompasses an important position as a buffer between our frontiers and several savage tribes. The total area of the State is nearly four thousand square miles, and it includes some very impenetrable country inhabited by a various collection of men—Bengalis, Mussulmans, Reajbansahi, Tripperahs, Jamatiyas, Nowatiyas, Riangs, Halloms, and Kukis, the last-two quite distinct from the first four, who are all Tripperahs and interlopers.

The form of government is, the report tells us, "despotic and patriarchal;" the Rajah's word is law, and it is sufficient to annul the decrees of the courts, whether the matter be brought up in dual appeal or otherwise. His permission is required for numberless contingencies, e.g., for building a house, for digging a tank, for the use of palkees at a wedding, &c., &c."

As might be expected every department of the administration is honey-combed with corruption, the usual facilities afforded by native Governments for those bringing [illegible] to the Rajah by marriage [illegible] some other way, and [illegible] their subordinates against [illegible] considerable [illegible] The [illegible] of better days seems [illegible] chiefly with a Bengali Brahmin, Babu Nilmani [illegible] already introduced many reforms, and a Kuki [illegible] Dr. Scott, Tipperah exports about fifty thousand [illegible] of cotton, and nearly [illegible] lacs worth of timber, [illegible] furnishes a considerable annual supply of [illegible] has two Schools and a Municipality.—*Englishman*.

EGYPTIAN [illegible]

WITH regard to [illegible] the 5th inst. [illegible] issued by the [illegible] ago, fell due [illegible] Pay-Bill [illegible] had been [illegible] Ministers [illegible] Nubar Pasha [illegible] of the fear that some [illegible] other Russia [illegible] and Prussia. As [illegible] the East, we should [illegible] it, and it is a question for us to consider whether we can resist it most effectually single-handed, with the [illegible] attachment of the Persian G[illegible] without them. Persia has no [illegible] and has much less cause to fear ultimate absorption in the [illegible] Empire [illegible] Russia who must [illegible] and if we deliberately [illegible] accomplished in the most halting, [illegible] mind, would have bound England [illegible] to engage the attention [illegible]

PROFESSOR [illegible]

[illegible] WEDNESDAY EVENING.

[illegible] to announce [illegible] of [illegible] this [illegible] It is a curious [illegible] and, I suppose, [illegible] coincident, that [illegible] day on which [illegible] discoverer or Mesmer [illegible] Abbey was [illegible] on which [illegible] the feast of St. [illegible] Constantly [illegible] and the most [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] who have [illegible] [illegible] Constantly [illegible] [ill

SIR SAMUEL BAKER ON CENTRAL AFRICA.

Sir Samuel Baker made his first appearance on Monday evening, the occasion being the meeting of the London University, when he read the paper which he had been previously announced to read before the Royal Geographical Society. The paper, now published, was entitled "The progress of the Expedition for the Suppression of the Slave Trade in Central Africa." Sir Samuel commenced by stating that the object of the expedition was to establish a new line of communication between the Albert Nyanza and the Indian Ocean, and to open the country to commerce. He then described the difficulties which he had encountered in the Soudan, and the means he had taken to overcome them. He had found it necessary to establish a line of stations, and to garrison them with troops, in order to keep open the communications. He had also found it necessary to establish a system of government, and to appoint officers to carry it out. He had found the natives very friendly, and had succeeded in establishing a trade in ivory. He had also succeeded in establishing a trade in ivory. He had also succeeded in establishing a trade in ivory. He had also